

## State of Utah Department of Commerce

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

MARGARET W. BUSSE Executive Director

MARK B. STEINAGEL Division Director

January 1, 2022

Subject: Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) Extends Temporary Suspension of "Live" Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) is extending the temporary waiver of "live" CE requirements until December 31, 2022. This extension will allow licensees to meet their CE requirements online or virtually and DOPL will continue to accept online/virtual CE as "live" CE until the December 31, 2022 deadline.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the quick-spreading omicron variant, DOPL has determined "live" or in-person CE opportunities would gather licensees in a single, confined location, where the risks of further transmission of COVID-19 are greater. DOPL will continue to follow the state of the pandemic closely and refer to the collaborative work of state and local public health experts, the Governor's Office, the hospital industry, business leaders, and important guidance from legislative leadership found on <u>coronavirus.utah.gov</u>.

The Division understands that some licensees prefer to attend in-person seminars, conferences, classes, etc. to meet CE requirements. If a licensee is comfortable attending in-person CE opportunities, DOPL will accept this as meeting "live" CE requirements. DOPL, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, encourages licensees to get vaccinated and follow Utah health guidelines found on <u>coronavirus.utah.gov</u> when in confined, public settings.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding "live" and online/virtual CE requirements, please contact our office at (801) 530-6628.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Steinagel

Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

